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COMMITTEE III

1. SUMMARY: THE THIRD COMMITTEE COMMENCED SUBSTANTIVE WORK WITH OPENING STATEMENTS ON THE MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH REGIME FOR THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

2. MALAYSIA IGNORED THE SUBJECT MATTER INDICATED FOR DISCUSSION AND OPENED THE AFTERNOON INDICATING ITS QTE EXTREME DISTASTE UNQTE WITH THE TEXT OF ARTICLE 42-- THE STRAITS SAFEGUARD ARTICLE. CHAIRMAN YANKOV DIRECTED THE DISCUSSION BACK TO THE TOPIC OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ALTHOUGH INDICATING THAT THE CONCERNS OF MALAYSIA COULD BE DISCUSSED AT ANOTHER TIME.

3. THE U.S. OPENED THE DISCUSSION OF THE SCIENCE REGIME

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WITH A STRONG ATTACK ON THE RSNT AND PARTICULARLY

ARTICLES 60, 61, 64, 65 DECLARING THAT THE EXISTING TEXT NEITHER REPRESENTS NOR IS AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE. SUPPORT FOR THIS ATTACK WAS VOICED BY THE NETHERLANDS, FRG, AND FRANCE.

4. THE COASTAL STATE VIEW WAS FIRST PRESENTED BY SPAIN WITH A STATEMENT THAT LIKE THE U.S., SPAIN FELT THE TEXT WAS UNBALANCED BUT FOR THE REASON THAT IT GAVE INSUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO THE COASTAL STATES. NO DISTINCTION AS NOW EXISTS IN ARTICLE 60.2A CAN BE MADE IN SPAIN'S VIEW. PORTUGAL CONCURRED AND WENT FURTHER STATING THAT PARAGRAPH 2 GUTTED THE CONSENT REGIME GRANTED IN 60.1. BRAZIL, SOMALIA, CHINA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TANZANIA, KENYA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ARGENTINA ALL SUPPORTED THE COASTAL VIEW AND ACCEPTED THE RSNT AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT ANY IMPROVEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE COASTAL DIRECTION. PERU STATED THAT THE RSNT FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS IN KEEPING WITH THE MAIN TREND AND NEED NOT BE NEGOTIATED FURTHER.

5. IN THE LAST INTERVENTION OF THE DAY MEXICO SEEMED TO BE OFFERING POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING IDEAS IN SEARCH FOR A COMPROMISE. MEXICO SUGGESTED THAT IF ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO EXPANDING THE OBLIGATIONS IN ARTICLES 58 AND 59 AND STRENGTHENING THE COASTAL STATE PROTECTION AGAINST NON-FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 65 ANOTHER LOOK MIGHT BE TAKEN AT THE SCOPE AND ROLE FOR CONSENT.

6. DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE ON 5 AUGUST.
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